Continuance of dowry-death cases

3533. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether dowry-death cases pertraining to young brides are continuing unabated despite implementation of the Dowry-Prohibition Act, 1961; and

(b) if so, the number of cases reported during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) NCRB data shows rising trend in the cases of dowry death in the recent past.

(b) As per NCRB data, total number of 6787, 7618 and 8093 cases were registered during 2005, 2006 and 2007 respectively.

Child death

3534. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR:
Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UNICEF has recently revealed in its report that nearly 5000 children die under the age of five due to preventable causes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Government's reaction thereto alongwith the reasons therfor;

(d) whether the various programmes/schemes launched by the Central Government for the development of children are not effective and child mortality rate is increasing; and

(e) if so, the concrete steps Government has taken on the basis of UNICEF's report alongwith the amount allocated to meet those steps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) and (b) As per report of Registrar General of India (report No. 2 of 2008) the child mortality rate (0-4 years) in India is 16.

As per the 'Causes of Death, 2001-03', Registrar General of India, the top 10 causes of death among children aged 0 to 4 years are:

- Perinatal conditions (33%),
- Respiratory infections (22%),
- Diarrhoeal diseases (14%),
- Other infectious and parasitic diseases (11%),
- Symptoms, signs and ill-defined conditions (3.4%),